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DISK DRIVE UNIT HAVING A SCRATCH  
PREVENTION DEVICE AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING DEVICE CONTAINING THE  
DISK DRIVE UNIT

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